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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO NPDES PERMITTEES DMR-QA Study 23 Announcement RESPONSE REQUIRED

DMR-QA STUDY 23

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO DESIGNATED NPDES PERMITTEES

To verify that you have received Study 23, IMMEDIATELY email your response or mail this form to:

> JOHN HELM USEPA OECA MC 2225A 1200 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE WASHINGTON DC 20460

A separate response is required for each NPDES Permit

NPDES PERMITTEE ADDRESS VERIFICATION FORM (AVF) Discharge Monitoring Report - Quality Assurance (DMR-QA) STUDY 23 **Attention NPDES Permittee:**

If you have Internet access, you are asked to respond via email to dmrqa@epa.gov by 05/23/2003 (see instructions on page 2).

Please provide corrections to the mailing address where all DMR-OA paperwork

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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20460



OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE ASSURANCE

6 May 2003

Dear NPDES Permit Holder:

This letter announces the 2003 Discharge Monitoring Report - Quality Assurance (DMR-QA) Study 23. Your participation in DMR-QA plays a key role in monitoring the quality of data used to ensure the safety of the nation's waters. This letter initiates both chemistry and whole effluent toxicity (WET) testing. The study schedule requires that all actions under Study 23 are to be completed by the end of calendar year 2003. Refer to the enclosed "NPDES Permittee Instructions" for details on what you, as the permit holder, must to do to complete this study. Again this year, test samples must be obtained from accredited commercial providers.

Who must participate?

DMR-QA is mandatory for all major and selected minor permit holders under the Clean Water Act's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). DMR-QA evaluates the analytic and reporting ability of laboratories that routinely perform inorganic and WET self-monitoring analyses required in NPDES permits that are reported by you in Discharge Monitoring Reports. As the permit holder, you are responsible for obtaining results of DMR-QA tests performed by your in-house or contract laboratories and submitting the results to the appropriate (federal or state) NPDES regulatory authority.

What do I need to have tested and reported?

For the <u>chemical</u> tests under DMR-QA, you are responsible only for those chemical analytes that are both in your permit and in Study 23. The chemical analytes in Study 23 are listed in "Instructions for DMR-QA 23 Chemical Testing" (in enclosure).

For the <u>WET</u> tests under DMR-QA, you are responsible only for test organisms that are both in your permit and included in the Study 23. You are required to participate even if the test conditions (e.g., time of acute test, renewal /non-renewal, synthetic seawater matrix, etc.) in your permit do not exactly match those in Study 23. If they do not match, refer to "Instructions for DMR-QA 23 WET Testing" (in enclosure).

Where do laboratories get test samples?

All laboratories (in-house and contract, chemistry and WET) must order required DMR-QA 23 study samples by <u>June 2, 2003</u>, from a commercial provider that is appropriately accredited by the National Institute of Standards and Technology National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NIST NVLAP). A list of accredited providers is in "NIST Accredited Providers for Chemistry and WET" (in enclosure) and can be found on-line at

http://ts.nist.gov/ts/htdocs/210/214/scopes/calchem.htm. The providers supply the test samples and instructions and evaluate the results reported to them by the testing facilities. They also send a report of the test results to the permittees and state and regional NPDES permit authorities.

How do I report receipt of this notice?

In the last DMR-QA study, we piloted in some states the efficiency of reporting by e-mail your receipt of the announcement notice and address and permit identification information. The results were positive and we are now inviting all permit holders with e-mail capabilities to submit their receipt and verification forms by e-mail by following the instructions in the enclosure. Of course, you can continue to use regular mail if you wish.

Further information

Additional copies of Study 23 are available at www.epa.gov/compliance/monitoring/selfevaluation/dmr/index.html. Select the information you want to retrieve. For any questions, contact your state or U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regional DMR-QA coordinator, whose name, address, and phone number are listed in the enclosure. Reference your NPDES permit and telephone number on all correspondence. The coordinators play an important role in reviewing test results and providing and needed follow-up or guidance. Questions or comments on the national program can be addressed to Dr. John Helm, DMR-QA Coordinator, at e-mail address: DMRQA@epa.gov, or by mail at the address listed with the state and regional coordinators.

Thank you in advance for cooperating in this national program to assure the quality of NPDES self-reporting data.

Sincerely,

/s/ Michael M. Stahl, Director Office of Compliance

Enclosure: Discharge Monitoring Report-Quality Assurance (DMR-QA) Study 23 NPDES

Permittee Instructions (Chemistry and WET)

Instructions for Verifying Receipt of this Package DMR-QA Study 23

A separate response is required for each NPDES permit number.

All permittees must respond to this notice to confirm their receipt of Study 23. **All permittees who have Internet access are asked to respond via email to dmrqa@epa.gov by 5/23/2003.** If you do not have Internet access, please mail the Address Verification Form (AVF) located at the front of this package.

To respond via email, please carefully follow these instructions:

1.	Each email response must have a single NPDES permit number as the email subject line in the following format:							
	State abbrev. 7-digit permit number (e.g., CA123456	57)						

- 2. In the body of the email include the following information in the format presented:
 - <Permit Number>
 - <Company Name>
 - <Contact Name>
 - <Address>
 - <City>
 - <State>
 - <Zip>
- 3. If any of the above information is a correction to the Study 23 mailing label, please put a "C" in the email subject line after your permit number.
- 4. Please do not include any other correspondence in this confirmation email. Additional comments or questions may be sent as separate emails to the same address.

Sample response email:

From: youremail@company.com

To: dmrqa@epa.gov

Subject: CA1234567 - C (←indicates a correction)

CA1234567 Company A John Doe 123 Main Street Anyplace

Note: Please send a separate email for each permit.

Note: To respond via regular mail please use the Address Verification Form included at the front of this package.

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Check List for Permittees and DMR-QA Study 23 Schedule

BY	MAY 23, 2003	
	STEP 1 - Submit verification of receipt of this package via email or regular mail (see page 2).	
	STEP 2 - Review Permit, Lab Certificate, Lab Codes, Identification Numbers, etc.	
BY.	JUNE 2, 2003 STEP 3	
ΟD	Do you use ONLY an in-house lab? a) Order test samples from a Provider using your EPA labcode.	
OR	Do you use an in-house AND a contract lab? a) Order test samples from a Provider using your EPA labcode. b) Instruct contract lab to order test samples and perform analyses.	
OR	Do you use ONLY a contract lab? a) Instruct contract lab to order test samples and perform analyses.	
BY	THE PROVIDER'S REPORTING DEADLINE AND BEFORE AUGUST 29, 2003 STEP 4 - Conduct analyses and complete Provider Data Forms (sent with samples) and NPDES Permittee Data Report Form (four-page form in study package or Provider-supplied cover sheets).	
	STEP 5 - For each Provider used, attach the NPDES Permittee Data Report Form to the Provider Data Form. These are your completed "Data Packages."	
	STEP 6 - Make two copies of the Data Package(s).	
	STEP 7 - Mail the signed original Data Package(s) to your sample Provider and a copy to your state and Regional coordinators. Maintain a copy for your records.	
BY	OCTOBER 31, 2003 STEP 8 - Test results will be sent to permittees and state and Regional NPDES Permit Authorities.	
BY	DECEMBER 8, 2003 STEP 9 - If any data are reported as "not acceptable," negotiate any corrective actions with the state or Regional NPDES Permit Regulatory Authority and submit a signed corrective action report.	
	You have completed your reporting for DMR-QA Study 23	

Definitions

Provider = NIST NVLAP-Approved contract laboratory that manufactures standard test samples.

Provider Data Form = Report form sent with the samples to be completed by the laboratory conducting the QA tests; data from these forms will be analyzed by the Provider to determine testing proficiency.

Data Package = The complete set of data containing the Provider Data Form(s) and the 4-page EPA form contained in this study package; some Providers may supply this form with the results of their data analyses.

NPDES Permittee Instructions DMR-QA Study 23

- 1. **Submit response for receipt of this package to USEPA.** Your response is required to ensure that the package was properly received and recognized, and to verify that your mailing information is correct. You must submit your response no later than **May 23, 2003**. Follow instructions inside the front cover or on page 2.
- 2. **Determine the laboratories that will perform your DMR-QA Study 23 tests.** You must use your usual laboratories to analyze DMR-QA Study 23 samples.

Chemistry Portion

If you routinely perform any analyses at your facility (in-house laboratories) such as pH, TRC, etc., these tests are required to be conducted on-site. If more than one laboratory performs the analysis on a particular analyte, the laboratory performing the majority of the analyses must analyze the samples for DMR-QA Study 23.

WET Portion

WET QA testing is required if your permit requires WET testing during 2003 on the test organisms included in this study. If you routinely perform WET tests at your facility (inhouse laboratories), those tests should be conducted on-site. If more than one laboratory performs toxicity testing for your permit, the laboratory performing the majority of each test must analyze samples for DMR-QA Study 23.

3. **Send the Study 23 instructions from this package to your laboratory.** Inform each in-house or contracted support laboratory that routinely produces DMR data for your NPDES permit which tests they must conduct and report to you. Send a copy of the appropriate instructions as follows:

Chemistry Portion

- a) DMR-QA Chemistry Laboratory Instructions and Analyte Checklist (pages 6 - 7)
- b) NIST-Accredited Providers (page 11)

WET Portion

- a) DMR-QA WET Testing Laboratory Instructions and WET Organisms/Test Conditions/End Points (pages 8 - 10)
- b) NIST-Accredited Providers (page 11)

Helpful Hint: If you have more than one laboratory analyzing DMR-QA Study 23 samples, direct all of the labs to get their samples from the same Provider (PROVIDER=company that manufactures the samples). Remember that you must have the resulting data evaluated by the Provider that manufactured the samples for each test, so a common source for all samples clearly would be advantageous to you.

- 4. **Make certain that your in-house and/or contracted labs understand and complete all requirements.** Each laboratory must use the USEPA-assigned Laboratory Code on all reported results. These are available from Mr. Charles Feldmann, 140 USEPA Facilities, 26 W Martin Luther King Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45268, (513) 569-7671.
- 5. **Order samples as required by your permit.** You or your contract lab must request samples from Providers before June 2, 2003.

You or your contract lab may want to use your DMR-QA study results as one of your Proficiency Testing (PT) rounds for state certification. To do so, contact your State Coordinator to determine if they will accept the results from a standard DMR-QA Study (i.e., start date=June 2; end date=August 29) for your PT round. Some states will not accept the standard DMR-QA results. If this is the case, you can elect to use an approved Water

Pollution (WP) Study for generating results for DMR-QA Study 23. WP studies are only valid for DMR-QA Study 23 if the study meets the following requirements:

- a) Data (i.e., final results) must not be released prior to June 2, 2003.
- b) Study close date is on or before August 29, 2003.
- c) Study is offered by a NIST Accredited Provider.

If you choose to use a WP study, please be aware that you must report all data to the Provider by their published WP Study Close Date even if it is prior to the DMR-QA deadline of August 29, 2003. [Notify the Provider that WP is being used for DMR-QA]. You may not extend a Provider's WP Study Close Date to August 29, 2003 to match the DMR-QA deadline.

- 6. Perform analyses within the deadlines defined by the Provider.
- 7. **Obtain the results of your tests on the DMR-QA Study 23 Data Report Form(s)**. *Helpful Hint:* Set a date by which test result data must be mailed to you that allows you enough time to complete the Final Data Packages and submit them to your sample Provider.
- 8. **Complete the information in this study package** entitled "NPDES PERMITTEE DATA REPORT FORM" (located after page 15) or the Provider-supplied forms for DMR-QA Study 23.
- 9. Make copies of the four-page "NPDES PERMITTEE DATA REPORT FORM" or the Provider-supplied forms and attach a copy to each Provider Data Report Form received. This creates a permittee data package that is ready for submission to each Provider you used.
- 10. **By August 29, 2003, submit permittee data packages** to the Provider that produced the samples you used and to your state and Regional Coordinators. *Note:* Each Provider will evaluate the data you report and send a performance evaluation (PE) report to you, your state and Regional DMR-QA coordinators, and the USEPA by October 31, 2003.

If you wish to report results for analytes you never report on a DMR for your permit, check the "voluntary analytes" box beside such values on the data sheet and these data will be evaluated unofficially. Note, however, that you will not receive credit for data reported as "voluntary" and that you may incur extra charges for the "voluntary" data.

Include the completed, signed "Analyte Check List, DMR-QA Study 23" (page 7) with the package you are submitting to your regulatory authority.

- 11. **Investigate any discrepancies or "not acceptable" data reported by your Provider.**You must identify and report the causes and your system changes to correct discrepancies to avoid their reoccurrence. This signed report must be sent to your primary regulatory authority and DMR-QA coordinator by **December 8, 2003.** It is recommended that the report be submitted so that the delivery and receipt of the report can be tracked.
- 12. Maintain a copy of all completed forms for your records.

DMR-QA Chemistry Laboratory Instructions DMR-QA Study 23

Your laboratory has been designated to participate in DMR-QA Study 23 by a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permittee. The permittee is required to report sample data produced by laboratories that routinely perform specified chemistry analyses for their DMR purposes.

1. DETERMINE which analyses you are to perform.

The enclosed check list indicates which analyses you are to perform.

2. ORDER DMR-QA Study 23 samples before June 2, 2003.

To acquire the DMR-QA Study 23 chemistry samples, arrange to purchase them from one of the NIST NVLAP-accredited Providers listed on page 11, at the following web site: www.ts.nist.gov/ts/htdocs/210/214/scopes/calchem.htm, or as specified by the permittee.

3. RECORD your analytical data and EPA Labcode on the data reporting form received with your samples.

Be sure to follow the Provider's instructions and deadlines received with these samples.

4. SEND each permittee the data they requested and a copy to the state and Regional coordinators.

Use the Provider's data reporting form, or a copy of it, allowing sufficient time for the permittee to send the completed form to the Provider by the Provider's due date or no later than **August 29**, **2003**.

Helpful Hint: If you must participate in a Water Pollution (WP) study for the same analytes to qualify for state wastewater laboratory certification, you may be able to report the same analytical results to both:

- a) the requesting permittees to satisfy your DMR-QA obligations, and
- b) the Provider that supplied the DMR-QA Study 23 chemistry samples for WP evaluation if the study results are published after June 2, 2003.

Note: Check with your state wastewater certification office and the Provider to verify that such a plan is acceptable to them.

5. Maintain a copy of all completed order forms for your records.

Permittee:			
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Analyte Check List DMR-QA Study 23

NPDES Testing Requirement	Test Sample Ordered	Test Substance	Test Completed
		Aluminum	
		Arsenic	
		Cadmium	
		Chromium	
		Cobalt	
		Copper	
		Iron	
		Lead	
		Manganese	
		Mercury	
		Nickel	
		Selenium	
		Vanadium	
		Zinc	
		Ammonia	
		Nitrate	
		Orthophosphate	
		Total Kjeldahl nitrogen	
		Total Phosphorus	
		COD	
		TOC	
		5-day BOD	
		5-day carbonaceous BOD	
		pH	
		Total cyanide	
		Non-filterable residues (TSS)	
		Oil and grease	
		Total Phenol (by the 4AAP method)	
		Total residue chlorine	
Signed		Date:	

Contract Laboratory: This check list is to be used according to the instructions provided by the permittee.

Permittee: Return this check list with the final package sent to your regulatory authority.

DMR-QA WET Testing Laboratory Instructions DMR-QA Study 23

Your laboratory has been designated to participate in DMR-QA Study 23 by a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permittee. The permittee is required to report sample data produced by laboratories that routinely perform analyses for their DMR purposes. DMR-QA is designed to test the ability of a testing facility to conduct the required testing procedures included in NPDES permits and to follow the directions associated with required test methods. WET testing is required if the permittee is required to conduct WET testing under their NPDES permit during 2003.

1. DETERMINE the WET tests and designated methods to perform for Study 23. Select the test organism and testing conditions that most closely resemble the testing conditions required by the permit for which you are supplying test results. Use the guidelines immediately below and the table "Required DMR-QA Study 23 WET Organisms/Test Conditions/End Points" (on the next page) to select the proper WET tests. The permittee should indicate which tests are to be performed by checking the appropriate box in the table.

Guidelines for Choosing the Correct WET Test Organisms/Conditions/End-Points

If your permit requires WET testing with fathead minnows, *Ceriodaphnia dubia, Daphnia magna, Daphnia pulex, Mysidopsis bahia*, Inland silverside (*Menidia beryllina*) or Sheepshead minnow (*Cyprinodon variegates*), test those organisms listed in your permit using the test conditions, including temperature, defined in the Test Codes listed below.

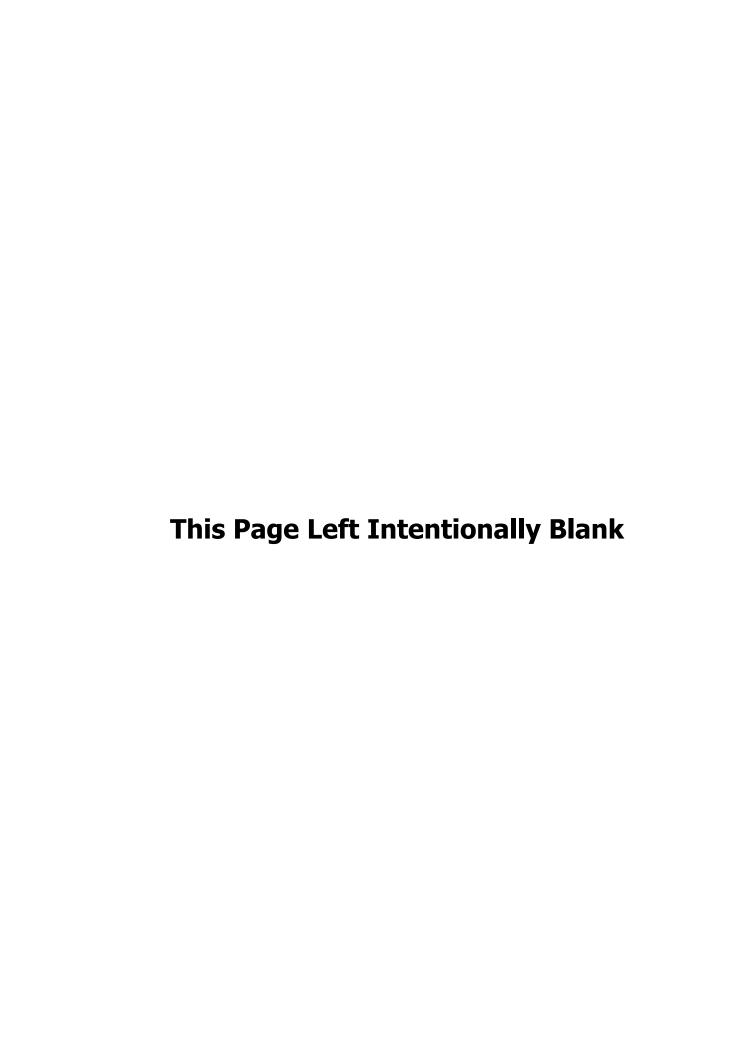
If your permit WET testing conditions for *Ceriodaphnia dubia* specify 48-h acute, **non-renewal** testing, conduct this test using the static, **renewal** acute conditions defined by Test Codes 17, 18, 19, and 20. The testing conditions defined for these Test Codes, have been proven to provide an appropriate measure of your ability to perform WET testing with *Ceriodaphnia dubia*.

If your permit WET testing conditions for *Daphnia magna* and *Daphnia pulex* specify 48-h acute, **renewal** testing, you must conduct this test using the **non-renewal** conditions specified in the Test Codes 32, 36 and 38 listed below.

If your permit WET testing conditions require 24-, 48- or 96-h acute testing using any of the organisms included in Study 23, use the 48-h acute test conditions specified in the Test Codes listed below.

If your permit requires WET testing with *Mysidopsis bahia*, Inland silverside (*Menidia beryllina*) or Sheepshead minnow (*Cyprinodon variegates*) and your laboratory uses an alternate synthetic seawater (e.g., Hawaiian Brands or GP2, etc.) other than the 40 Fathoms specified in the Test Codes listed below, your laboratory must still perform testing.

- **2. ORDER DMR-QA Study 23 samples before June 2, 2003.** To acquire the DMR-QA Study 23 toxicity samples, arrange to purchase them from one of the Providers. See page 11 or: www.ts.nist.gov/ts/htdocs/210/214/scopes/calchem.htm or as specified by the permittee.
- 3. RECORD test results and laboratory identification on the Data Report Form received with your samples. Be sure to follow the Provider's instructions and deadlines received with these samples.
- **4. SEND each participating permittee the data they requested.** Use the Provider's Data Report Form, or a copy of it, allowing sufficient time for the permittee to send the completed form back to the Provider by the published study close date or no later than **August 29, 2003**.
- 5. Maintain a copy of all completed order forms for your records.



Permittee:	
Permit Number:	

DMR-QA Study 23 WET Organisms/Test Conditions/End Points

The following table lists tests required for DMR-QA Study 23. Permittees should indicate which methods are required in their permit.

Analyte Numbe	Organisms/Conditions	End Points	Test Req'd
Test Co	ode 11/EPA Method 2002		_
752	Fathead minnow (<i>Pimephales promelas</i>) - MHSF 20°C	LC50	
Test Co	ode 13/EPA Method 2001		
754	Fathead minnow (<i>Pimephales promelas</i>) - MHSF 25°C	LC50	
Test Co	ode 14/EPA Method 2001		
755	Fathead minnow (<i>Pimephales promelas</i>) - 25°C, 20% DMW	LC50	
Test Co	ode 15/EPA Method 1000		
756	Fathead minnow (<i>Pimephales promelas</i>) - MHSF	NOEC SURVIVAL	
808	Fathead minnow (<i>Pimephales promelas</i>) - MHSF	IC25 GROWTH	
809	Fathead minnow (<i>Pimephales promelas</i>) - MHSF	IC25 (SN) GROWTH	
810	Fathead minnow (<i>Pimephales promelas</i>) - MHSF	NOEC (ON) GROWTH	
811	Fathead minnow (<i>Pimephales promelas</i>) - MHSF	NOEC (SN) GROWTH	
Test Co	ode 16/EPA Method 1000		
759	Fathead minnow (<i>Pimephales promelas</i>) - 20% DMW	NOEC SURVIVAL	
812	Fathead minnow (<i>Pimephales promelas</i>) - 20% DMW	IC25 GROWTH	
813	Fathead minnow (<i>Pimephales promelas</i>) - 20% DMW	IC25 (SN)1 GROWTH	
814	Fathead minnow (<i>Pimephales promelas</i>) - 20% DMW	NOEC (ON)2 GROWTH	
815	Fathead minnow (<i>Pimephales promelas</i>) - 20% DMW	NOEC (SN) GROWTH	
Test Co	ode 17/EPA Method 2002		
762	Ceriodaphnia dubia - MHSF	LC50	
Test Co	ode 18/EPA Method 2002		
763	Ceriodaphnia dubia - 20% DMW	LC50	
Test Co	ode 19/EPA Method 2002		
764	Ceriodaphnia dubia - MHSF 25°C	LC50	
Test Co	ode 20/EPA Method 2002		
765	Ceriodaphnia dubia - 20% DMW 25°C	LC50	
Test Co	ode 21/EPA Method 1002		
766	Ceriodaphnia dubia - MHSF	NOEC SURVIVAL	
767	Ceriodaphnia dubia - MHSF	IC 25 REPRODUCTION	
768	Ceriodaphnia dubia - MHSF	NOEC REPRODUCTION	
Test Co	ode 22/EPA Method 1002		
769	Ceriodaphnia dubia - 20% DMW	NOEC SURVIVAL	
770	Ceriodaphnia dubia - 20% DMW	IC25 REPRODUCTION	
771	Ceriodaphnia dubia - 20% DMW	NOEC REPRODUCTION	
Test Co	ode 32/EPA Method 2021		
788	Daphnia magna - MHSF 20°C	LC50	

Analyte Numbe	Organisms/Conditions		End Points	Test Req'd
Test Co	de 36/EPA Method 2021			
792	Daphnia pulex - MHSF 20°C		LC50	
Test Co	de 38/EPA Method 2021			
794	Daphnia pulex - MHSF 25°C		LC50	
Test Co	de 42/EPA Method 2007			
798	Mysid (<i>Mysidopsis bahia</i>) 20°C		LC50	
Test Co	de 43/EPA Method 1007			
799	Mysid (Mysidopsis bahia)		NOEC SURVIVAL	
816	Mysid (Mysidopsis bahia)		IC25 GROWTH	
817	Mysid (Mysidopsis bahia)		IC25 (SN) GROWTH	
818	Mysid (Mysidopsis bahia)		NOEC (ON) GROWTH	
819	Mysid (Mysidopsis bahia)		NOEC (SN) GROWTH	
Test Co	de 44/EPA Method 2006			
803	Inland silverside (<i>Menidia berylina</i>) 20°C		LC50	
Test Co	de 46/EPA Method 2004			
804	Sheepshead minnow (Cyprinodon variegatus)	20°C	LC50	
Test Co	de 47/EPA Method 1004			
805	Sheepshead minnow (Cyprinodon variegatus)		NOEC SURVIVAL	
820	Sheepshead minnow (Cyprinodon variegatus)		IC25 GROWTH	
821	Sheepshead minnow (Cyprinodon variegatus)		IC25 (SN) GROWTH	
822	Sheepshead minnow (Cyprinodon variegatus)		NOEC (ON) GROWTH	
823	Sheepshead minnow (Cyprinodon variegatus)		NOEC (SN) GROWTH	

¹ Survival Number

References Manuals for WET Tests (see www.epa.gov/waterscience/WET)

All tests must be conducted according to the standard methods published in the following EPA manuals. Please consult these manuals for proper test, culturing, and water preparation guidance.

- 1. Methods for Measuring the Acute Toxicity of Effluents to Freshwater and Marine Organisms, EPA 600-4-90-027F.
- 2. Short-term Methods for Estimating for Chronic Toxicity of Effluents and Receiving Waters to Freshwater Organisms, Second Edition, EPA 600-4-89-001 or EPA 600-4-91-002.
- 3. Supplement to Short-term Methods for Estimating the Chronic Toxicity of Effluents and Receiving Waters to Freshwater Organisms, Second Edition, EPA 600-4-89-001A.
- 4. Short-term Method for Estimating the Chronic Toxicity of Effluents and Receiving Waters to Marine and Estuarine Organisms, EPA 600-4-87-028 or EPA 600-4-91-003.
- 5. October 2002. Method for Measuring the Acute Toxicity of Effluents to Freshwater and Marine Organisms, Fifth Edition, EPA 821-R-02-012.
- 6. October 2002. Short-term Methods for Estimating the Chronic Toxicity of Effluents and Receiving Waters to Freshwater Organisms, Fourth Edition, EPA 821-R-02-013.
- 7. October 2002. Short-term Method for Estimating the Chronic Toxicity of Effluents and Receiving Waters to Marine and Estuarine Organisms, Third Edition, EPA 821-R-02-014.

² Original Number

NIST ACCREDITED PROVIDERS*

WEB SITE: http://nist.gov

Please contact individual laboratories to obtain samples and test schedule. Find the following NIST Providers on the internet at: www.ts.nist.gov/ts/htdocs/210/214/scopes/calchem.htm.

NIST NVLAP-Accredited Provider	Chem	WET
Absolute Standards, Inc., Hamden, CT [200390-0] Mr. Stephen Arpie (203) 281-2917, absolutest@aol.com	~	
AccuStandard, Inc., New Haven, CT [200389-0] Mr. William McClain (203) 786-5290 X102 or (800) 442-5290 usa@accustandard.com	~	~
Analytical Products Group, Inc., Belpre, OH [200384-0] Mr. Thomas Coyner (740) 423-4200 or (800) 272-4442, t.coyner@apgqa.com	~	
Analytical Standards, Inc., Parkersburg, WV [400201-0] Mr. Frederick Anderson (304) 422-4274, info@asipt.com	~	
Environmental Resource Associates (ERA), Arvada, CO [200386-0] Mr. Curtis Wood (303) 431-8454 or (800) 372-0122, cwood@eraqc.com	~	~
Microcheck, Inc., Northfield, VT [200391-0] Mr. Michael G. Sinclair (802) 485-6600 X22, mike@microcheck.com	~	
NSI Solutions, Inc., Raleigh, NC [200440-0] Mr. Mark Hammersla (919) 957-9672 or (800) 234-7837, mhammersla@nsi-es.com	~	
NYS DOH Environmental Laboratory Approval Program, Albany, NY [200387-0] Mr. Kenneth Jackson (518) 485-5570, jackson@wadsworth.org	~	
Protocol Analytical, LLC, Middlesex, NJ [200395-0] Mr. William Hahn (732) 627-0500, bhahn@prostds.com	~	
Resource Technology Corporation (RTC), Laramie, WY [200393-0] Mr. Robert D. Rucinski (307) 742-5452 or (800) 576-5690, Rrucinski@RT-Corp.com	~	~
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